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SUBJECT: BOMB ATTACK AGAINST PROMINENT UCR SENATOR

1. HIPOLITO SOLARI YRIGOYEN, UCR NATIONAL SENATOR FROM CHUBUT AND GREAT-NEPHEW OF PRESIDENT HIPOLITO YRIGOYEN (1916-22, 1928-30) WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED AFTERNOON NOV 21 BY BOMB PLANTED IN HIS CAR. SOLARI YRIGOYEN HAD ARGUED VEHEMENTLY AGAINST LAW ON PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS WHICH PUSHED SO HARD BY TRADE UNION BUREAUCRACY. HE WAS, MOREOVER, CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH FAR LEFT WING OF UCR AND HAD EXTENSIVE TIES WITH PERONIST YOUTH. PRESUMPTION GENERALLY MADE, THEREFORE, IS THAT BOMB PLANTED BY RIGHTISTS, PROBABLY WITHIN UNION BUREAUCRACY. THIS, HOWEVER, NOT CONFIRMED.

2. LA OPINION EDITORIALIZES THIS MORNING THAT SOLARI YRIGOYEN HAD EXPRESSED AND DEFENDED HIS POSITION AS WAS HIS RIGHT AND DUTY UNDER DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM, AND THAT 62 LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL HAD EXERCISED SAME RIGHT ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF ARGUMENT. IT NOW BEHOVED LATTER TO PUBLICLY CONDEMN BRUTAL ATTACK AGAINST SOLARI
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YRIGOYEN, SINCE NO MATTER WHERE ONE STOOD ON THE ISSUES, THERE WAS

NO PLACE FOR VIOLENCE IN PRESENT SYSTEM.

3. CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES LAST NIGHT UNANIMOUSLY PASSED RESOLUTION
CONDEMNING ATTACK.

4. ALTHOUGH WITNESSES DESCRIBE IT AS MIRACLE THAT SOLARI YRIGOYEN
ESCAPED WITH HIS LIFE, HE NOW APPARENTLY RESTING COMFORTABLY AND
DOCTORS HOPE TO SAVE BOTH HIS LEGS, WHICH BADLY LACERATED BY BLAST.

5. COMMENT: ATTACK AGAINST PROMINENT UCR FIGURE HAS DEEPLY
DISTURBED OTHER RADICALES -- EVEN THOSE WHO REGARDED SOLARI YRIGOYEN
AS DOGMATIC LEFTIST. TENDENCY IS TO SEE THIS AS CONFIRMATION THAT
DANGEROUS REPERCUSSIONS OF PERONIST LEFT-RIGHT SPLIT ARE NOT LIKELY
TO REMAIN CONFINED TO PERONIST MOVEMENT.
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